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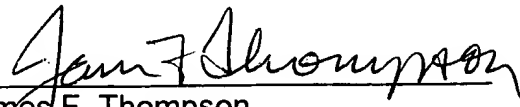
Claims 20-21 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4-10, 13-19 and 22 are pending.

In the Office Action, claims 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. These rejections are no longer applicable due to the cancellation of claims 20-21. As the remaining claims have been indicated to be allowable, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicant's Representative at the number below if there are any remaining issues.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3661.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-2900, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



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